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U. S. ARMY, EUROPE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

350.09 (GID:CI:INVES)

APO 403
27 August 1954

SUBJECT: WANDT, Erich

TO: Commanding Officer
6966 Special Detachment USAREUR
APO 108, US Army

1. Reference is made to letter, this Office, dated 10 December 1953, Subject as above.
2. Further information regarding SUBJECT which has been furnished this Office is as follows:

Source of our information that Subject "has worked for the Russians" is STEINHARDT, Karl, DOB 15 March 1916, POB Olmütz, CSR, aka CVRK, Karel, DOB 18 September 1916, POB Bludov, CSR. STEINHARDT was arrested by the Vienna police in February 1953 for violation of Austrian residence regulations. Although it was known that he was in possession of intelligence information, a detailed interrogation was not conducted at the time, in conformity with the desire of local CAS. He was released by Austrian police on 20 February 1953. A statement he had submitted while in custody, and which was made available by Austrian police in July 1953, contained the above noted allegation against Subject. Efforts to locate STEINHARDT for interrogation were initiated in October 1953 when this Office was informed by CAS that he was not then affiliated with US intelligence. These efforts have to date been unsuccessful. A number of displaced persons of Czech nationality in the US Zone have expressed the belief that he was arrested by Czech authorities in 1953 on the occasion of a clandestine trip to the CSR. His Austrian police dossier contains the following notation: "Forbidden to reside in any area of Austria during the period 17 February 1953 to 17 February 1963" If STEINHARDT is presently residing in Austria, he may be registered under an alias as yet unknown to this Office.

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3. Attempts to locate STEINHARDT will continue to be made. Significant developments will be reported to you.

4. Attached is a photograph of STEINHARDT.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2;

1 Incl:
Photo of STEINHARDT

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